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1. A LUANDA NEWSPAPER RECENTLY PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING DATA
ON PASSENGER TRAFFIC BETWEEN ANGOLA AND EUROPE ON TAP FOR THE
PERIOD 1969-1974:

NET IMMIGRATION (PLUS)				
YEAR	TO ANGOLA	FROM ANGOLA	EMIGRATION (MINUS)	
1969	29,951	29,602	PLUS	349
1970	38,081	36,703	PLUS	2,248
1971	47,784	46,406	PLUS	1,378
1972	49,524	50,139	MINUS	615
1973	61,426	68,017	MINUS	6,591
1974	73,130	114,063	MINUS	40,933

2. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS THE NET OUTFLOW OF 41 THOUSAND
PERSONS IN 1974, ALMOST ALL OF WHOM WERE PORTUGUESE WHITES.
THE AOOVE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES ON
SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS (PRINCIPALLY TO AND FROM THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH AFRICA) AND VARIG (TO AND FROM BRAZIL).

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3. THE BRAZILIAN CONSUL HAS TOLD US THAT 400 FAMILIES, ABOUT 2,000 PEOPLE, HAVE EMIGRATED TO BRAZIL SINCE JULY, 1974. EMIGRATION TO SOUTH AFRICA AND OTHER POINTS PROBABLY DOES NOT REACH MORE THAN 2,000. THEN WE MUST ADD THOSE WHO LEFT BY SHIP TO PORTUGAL, BETWEEN 10,000 AND 15,000 PEOPLE. THE TOTAL APPROACHES 60,000, OR ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF ANGOLA'S WHITES IF WE ASSUME A WHITE POPULATION OF 300,000 PRIOR TO APRIL 25 COUP. MANY OF THOSE WHO LEFT ARE DEPENDENTS SENT HOME FOR REASONS OF SAFETY, AND OTHERS WENT FOR CHRISTMAS AND HAD NOT RETURNED BY YEAR'S END. EVEN SO, AN EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBER OF ANGOLA'S BEST QUALIFIED PEOPLE HAVE GONE.

4. THE 1973 LOSS OF 6.5 THOUSAND WAS DUE TO A WEAKENED ECONOMY RESULTING FROM FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED IN LATE 1972.
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